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From: Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office/Group Los Angeles-Long Beach
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Subj: 2000 LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN; LETTER OF
PROMULGATION

1. As mandated by the Oil pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), the 2000 revision of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Area Contingency Plan (ACP) has been completed and is effective upon receipt. This marks the sixth revision of this plan and replaces the 1998 LA-LB ACP. This edition remains in effect until superseded.
2. Sections of this plan have been updated as necessary through the efforts of this office, Eleventh Coast Guard District (Pmr), California Department of Fish and Game's Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response and Area Committee Members.
3. The ACP for each area of California will continue to be made available to the public via the Internet at <http://www.uscg.mil/pacarea/pm/Graphic/Response.htm>. Publication on the Internet allows the Area Committees to update their plans as pertinent information develops and changes. These updates will be noted on the web page as they are posted.
4. Comments and recommendations regarding this plan are welcome and should be submitted through the appropriate Area Committee.

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Copy: Area Committee Members
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Dear California Area Committee Members:

As we enter the new millennium we would like to commend you on your continued efforts and dedication in refining our most valuable oil spill response tool: the Area Contingency Plan (ACP). Since their inception in 1992, the California Area Committees have remained committed in their efforts by participating in quarterly meetings, supporting field and table-top exercises, and meeting plan revision deadlines. You have made the Area Contingency Plan a living document that is utilized in protecting California's valuable shoreline resources from the impacts of oil pollution.

Among the many Area Committee accomplishments are the consolidation of seven separate plans into three streamlined ACPs; the reformatting of the ACPs from a cumbersome alpha-numeric format into a much more user-friendly version aligned with the Incident Command System (ICS) protocols; an increase in the identification of environmentally sensitive sites and development of protection strategies throughout the State; a revision of equipment resource sections in response to results generated from field-testing and suggested response strategies; incorporation of alternative response strategies; and making each of the California ACPs accessible on the Internet. These important changes have resulted in: increased ACP accuracy and accessibility to committee members and to the public; a significant reduction in document reproductions; and increased speed and wider distribution of the latest revision of the plans.

The California Area Contingency Plan format has been praised not only by the California response community, but has been recognized throughout the country as a model plan format to follow. This is an incredible feat the Area Committees have accomplished in the effort to improve response capabilities in one of the nation's most environmentally sensitive regions.

In order to truly appreciate their value, we can only imagine what it would be like to respond to a major oil spill without the ACPs. We therefore extend our gratitude to you for a job well done. We look forward to serving with you in the new millennium and applaud your efforts in helping to preserve our coastal resources.

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State of California Office of
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Deputy Director, Superfund
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Date: NOV 4 1999

Date: NOV 8 1999

Date: NOV 16 1999

YEAR 2000 AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN

SUGGESTED CORRECTIONS & COMMENTS

Please fill in your name and address, agency name, address and phone, and your comments and/or suggestions. Please ensure that you fill in the section number and title that you are commenting on. Attach extra sheets if necessary. Mail to:

Commander (Pmr)
Eleventh Coast Guard District
ACP Coordinator
Bldg 50-6 Coast Guard Island
Alameda, CA 94501-5100

Your Name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

ACP INFO:

Which Area Contingency

Plan: _____

Section Name and Number:

Paragraph/Chart:

Comments: _____

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LA/LB 2000 AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN: RECEIPT OF DOCUMENT

To ensure that our customers keep their 2000 Area Contingency Plans up to date, we would like to maintain a list of ACP holders and their address. This will make it possible to ensure that you receive hardcopy or electronic changes or lists of changes as they develop. Upon receipt of your copy of this ACP, please fill in the information below and return this form to:

Commander (Pmr)
Eleventh Coast Guard District
Bldg 50-6 Coast Guard Island
Alameda, CA 94501-5100
Attn: ACP Coordinator

ACP(s) RECEIVED: _____

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YOUR NAME: _____

AGENCY/COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Thank you for your cooperation!